Consumption of fertilizers

395. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state ;

(a) whether Government have taken any steps to increase the consumption of fertilizers ;

(b) if so, the quantity of fertilizers consumed during 1986-87, 1987-88 and the last financial year, year-wise; and

(c) the percentage of increase or decrease in fertilizers consumption in different States during these years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The quantity of fertilizers consumed during 1986-87, 1987-88 and 1988-89 are given below:

Year	All India consumption of fertilizers (Lakh tonnes) (N+P+K)
1986-87 . . .	87.38
1987-88 (Estt) . .	90.12
1988-89 (Estt) . .	110.31

(c) A statement indicating the consumption of fertilisers in different States during the last three years along with the percentage variation is annexed. [*See* Appendix CLI, Annexure No. 22].

Encouragement to tuna fishing

396. DR. YELAMANCHILLI SIVAJI : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to encourage tuna fishing by deep sea trawlers ; and

(b) is so, the names and addresses of Indian Companies engaged in tuna fishing, the number of vessels engaged by them, the names of their foreign charters/collaborators and the exported quantity and value of tuna fish by each of the companies, year-wise during the period from 1985-86 to 1988-89?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

Manual handling of night soil

397. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the extent to which the inhuman practice of carrying of night soil by scavengers has been eliminated ;

(b) whether any major mechanical means have been developed by any Government agency as to do away this manual handling of night soil ; and

(c) what is the quantitative and qualitative progress made so far to achieve the socially desirable goal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (DR. RAJENDRA KUMARI BAJPAI) : (a) to (c) Upto the end of March, 1989, Central assistance had been provided to 19 State Govts. for 226 towns under the Centrally Sponsored